CRF Problem Report

The Scientific and Technical Information Center (STIC) experienced a problem when processing the following computer readable form (CRF):

Application Serial Number: **09/359,426B**

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Date Processed by STIC: **1/2/2001**

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Nature of Problem:

The CRF (was):

____ (circle one) Damaged or Unreadable (for Unreadable, see attached)

____ Blank (no files on CRF) (see attached)

____ Empty file (filename present but no bytes in file) (see attached)

____ Virus-infected. Virus name: _____ The STIC will not process the CRF.

____ Not saved in ASCII text

____ Sequence Listing was embedded in the file. According to regulations the submitted file should only be the Sequence Listing.

____ Did not contain a Sequence Listing. (see attached sample)

____ Other *Disk mailer for submitted case was empty - no disk in disk mailer*

PLEASE USE THE CHECKER VERSION 3.0 PROGRAM TO REDUCE ERRORS. SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS.

Checker Version 3.0

The Checker Version 3.0 application is a state-of-the-art Windows based software program with a logical and intuitive user interface to check whether a sequence listing is in compliance with format and content rules. Checker Version 3.0 works for sequence listings as defined for the original version of 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825 effective October 1, (old rules) and the revised version (new rules) effective July 1, 1998 as well as World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Standard ST.25.

Checker Version 3.0 replaces the previous DOS-based version of Checker, and is Y2K-compliant. Checker allows public users to check sequence listings in Computer Readable form (CRF) before submitting them to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Use of Checker prior to filing the sequence listing is expected to result in fewer errors and

Checker Version 3.0 can be downloaded from the USPTO website at the location: **http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/checker**